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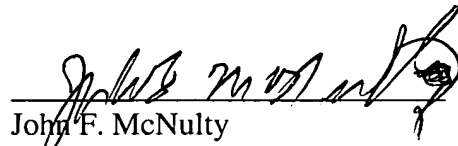
**FOREIGN PATENTS DOCUMENTS**

(AA) JP4-57635 A, dated February 25, 1992. A pallet exchanger, having a pallet support member and a pallet moving means for rotatably indexing the support member, is disclosed.

(AB) JP2000-167741 A, dated June 20, 2000. A configuration, in which an axis of indexing is rotatable about the vertical line, is disclosed.

(AC) JP2002-137138 , dated May 14, 2002. A configuration, in which an axis of indexing is rotatable about the vertical line, is disclosed.

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